

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 13-0785**

**Tribute to Ana Ferrus-Garcia in Recognition of
Attaining National Board Certified Teacher Status**

WHEREAS, Ana Ferrus-Garcia, 2nd Grade Teacher at Manzanita SEED, has earned the distinction of National Board Certified Teacher in the area of Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood; and

WHEREAS, Designation as a National Board Certified Teacher is one of the highest honors in the education profession and an indication of superior competency and dedication; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers have mastery over the subjects they teach as well as a deep understanding of the history and real-world applications of the subject; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers know how to assess the progress of individual students as well as the class as a whole and can explain student performance to parents; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers are familiar with learning theories and instructional strategies, critically examine their practice on a regular basis, expand their repertoire of skills and incorporate new findings into their practice; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers are concerned with the development of character and civic responsibility and model what it means to be an educated person – they read, they question, they create and they are willing to try new things; and

WHEREAS, Manzanita SEED Principal Katherine Carter noted that Ms. Ferrus-Garcia uses clear learning targets, engagement strategies, and ongoing scaffolding to engage all of her students in learning subjects such as math, science, and literacy in Spanish; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carter describes Ms. Ferrus-Garcia as a stellar instructor with high standards for students and for her herself, who goes above and beyond the norm and is a master at analyzing student data to structure in-class intervention and re-teaching.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District salute Ana Ferrus-Garcia for exhibiting professional excellence on a national level and for achieving the distinguished rank of National Board Certified Teacher in the year 2013.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 24th Day of April 2013 at Oakland, California.

s/David Kakishiba
David Kakishiba
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District

s/Tony Smith
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**Tribute to Emily Blossom in Recognition of
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WHEREAS, Emily Blossom, Kindergarten Teacher at New Highland Academy, has earned the distinction of National Board Certified Teacher specializing in the instruction of Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early Childhood; and

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WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers are concerned with the development of character and civic responsibility and model what it means to be an educated person – they read, they question, they create and they are willing to try new things; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blossom's Principal Liz Ozol describes her as an exemplary kinder teacher who is highly reflective and helps students develop the tools to be kind, effective and respectful members of the classroom and school; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ozol also notes that Ms. Blossom's routine is that of a model kindergarten class where the content of the activities is rigorous and fun and Ms. Blossom is skillful in her implementation while embodying respect, care and high expectations for her students,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District salute Emily Blossom for exhibiting professional excellence on a national level and for achieving the distinguished rank of National Board Certified Teacher in the year 2013.

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**Tribute to Jessica Jung in Recognition of
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WHEREAS, Emily Jung, 5th Grade Teacher at Bridges Academy, has earned the distinction of National Board Certified Teacher as a Generalist in Middle Childhood Education,

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WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers are concerned with the development of character and civic responsibility and model what it means to be an educated person – they read, they question, they create and they are willing to try new things; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jung’s Principal Clara Tarango describes her as an outstanding teacher with high expectations for herself and her students who is reflective and actively engages in professional development opportunities to refine her practice and share her learning with colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tarango also notes that Ms. Jung is a leader whose students benefit from a strong support system to develop reading comprehension and written language across the curriculum, including math and science, as well as from the in-home visits Ms. Jung conducts each year to determine how she can best nurture her students academically and socially,

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**Tribute to Jessica Tyson in Recognition of
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WHEREAS, Jessica Tyson, 9th Grade Teacher at Oakland Technical High School, has earned the distinction of National Board Certified Teacher in the area of Social Studies: History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood; and

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WHEREAS, Oakland Tech Principal Sheilagh Andujar described Ms. Tyson as a well respected and caring educator who is an integral member of the faculty and collaborates with colleagues about lesson design and implementation on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Andujar also noted that Ms. Tyson is focused on building a firm foundation for success by fully preparing her students to be critical thinkers, readers and writers, and that students in her heterogeneous classes are motivated and supported to achieve her rigorous academic standards,

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